and other festivals; imparting training in unarmed combat to women; educating the community about problems faced by women through a legal awareness drive in colleges; and maintaining close liaison with non-governmental organisations and legal fora to increase public awareness.

Legislative measures have also been taken by the Government to provide for stringent punishment for certain crimes like rape, dowry and dowry death, cruelty by husbands and in-laws against women.

Political, Caste-feuds and Militancy in States

*15. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRES be pleased to state:

(a) whether political, caste-feuds and militancy in different States like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab have taken a heavy toll of life and property during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents in each State during the above period; and

(c) whether law and order situation in some of the States deteriorated to an extent necessitating military intervention and if so, Governments's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) A detailed statement showing loss of life and other incidents during the period May 1 to October 31, 1997 is given in Statement (*See* below);

The law and order is a state subject. The Government of India have given necessary assistance to states from time to time in various ways including deployment of para-military Forces. The armed forces have also been deployed in aid of civil power particularly in insurgency affected states like Jammu & Kashmir and N.E. states.

Statement

A. *State-wise break-up of caste related incidents (May 1 to Oct. 31, 97)*

State	No of incidents.	No. of persons killed.
Andhra Pradesh	8	5
Bihar	56	32
Karnataka	12	12
Maharashtra	14	22
Orissa	4	—
Rajasthan	20	3
Tamil Nadu	248	109
Uttar Pradesh	106	49
Gujarat	10	1
Kerala	1	—
Punjab	2	1
Haryana	3	2
Delhi	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	2	2

B. *Insurgency/terrorist related violence (May 1 to October 31, 97)*

State	No. of incidents	No. of persons killed.
Jammu & Kashmir	1518	1335(SF-137 militants-779 civilians-419)
Punjab	3	44
Assam	237	213 (SF-53)
Tripura	157	110 (SF-37)
Manipur	227	272 (SF-50)
Nagaland	226	197 (SF-27)

C. *Left Wing Extremist violence (May 1 to October 31, 1997).*

State	No. of incidents	No. of persons killed.
Andhra Pradesh	511	138
Bihar	205	201
Madhya Pradesh	47	8
Maharashtra	12	6
Orissa	16	—